

1 by the Political Subdivisions Committee on whether or  
2 not we should recommend a Department of State and Local  
3 Affairs and partly resolved that question in the nega-  
4 tive, feeling it was properly a matter for statutory  
5 provision rather than constitutional provision, and I  
6 feel the same way as far as the Department of Revenue.  
7 I feel it is properly statutory rather than constitutional.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further comment?

9 Dr. Michener?

10 DR. MICHENER: At the Federal level, I just  
11 might mention the whole trend is away from rigidity to  
12 flexibility, even to the extent of giving the heads of  
13 department and even the President power by executive  
14 order to move functions around, rather than to cement it  
15 in a constitutional provision.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further comment?

17 Mr. Haile?

18 MR. HAILE: If it is desirable to combine the  
19 offices of Comptroller and Treasurer, then the Legislature  
20 would move. I suggest we leave it to the Legislature.  
21 But the third official function of auditing, I don't